

# GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

October 28, 2005

8:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

### GTSAC MEMBERS

Robert Morris, Chair  
Kathy Farnum  
Linda Scarpetta  
Lt. Gary Megge  
Ron Wilson  
Mark Bott  
Cherie Mollison  
Chief David Stamm  
Sheriff Al Byam  
Steven Puuri

### REPRESENTING

Office of the Governor  
for Michael Prince – Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)  
Department of Community Health (MDCH)  
for F/Lt. Thad Peterson – Department of State Police (MSP)  
Department of State (DOS)  
for John Friend – Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)  
Local Representative – Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police  
Local Representative – Michigan Sheriff's Association  
Local Representative – Road Commission Association

### STAFF

Sue Joseph

### GTSAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Dwight Sinila

Department of Education (MDE)

### ACTION TEAMS

Homer Smith/MADD-Michigan	Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving
Gary Bubar/AAA	Drivers Ages 24 and Younger Action Team
Kim Lariviere/MDOT	Elderly Mobility Action Team
Steve Schreier/OHSP	Intersection Safety Action Team
Heather Hockanson/MDCH	Occupant Protection Action Team – Michigan Child Passenger Safety Coalition

### GUESTS

Cindy Agle  
Debra Alfonso  
Jack Benac  
Lance Binoniemi  
Sgt. Matt Bolger  
Eric Bomberi  
Bob Felt  
Glorietta Flakes  
Pamela Hall  
Jason Hamblen  
Heather Huber  
Michael Irwin  
Erin Kirby  
Sandy Liddle  
Richard Miller  
Dave Morena  
Ramona Putman  
Anne Readett  
James Santilli  
Pietro Semifero  
Alicia Sledge  
Sydney Smith  
Sgt. Steven Spink  
Dave Wallace  
John Washeleski  
Mary Wichman  
Risa Wilkerson

### REPRESENTING

Michigan Resource Center for Health and Safety  
MDOT  
Michigan Department of Information Technology (MDIT)  
Michigan Licensed Beverage Association  
MSP/Executive Division  
Washtenaw Area Transportation Study  
MDOT/Office of Communications  
DOS  
OSA  
OHSP  
Nartron Corporation  
Michigan Center for Truck Safety  
Nartron Corporation  
Office of Financial and Insurance Services  
AAA of Michigan  
Federal Highway Administration  
DOS  
OHSP  
Michigan Highway Traffic Safety Alliance  
OHSP  
OHSP  
MSP/Criminal Justice Information Center  
MSP/Traffic Services Section  
Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan  
Nartron Corporation  
MSP/Criminal Justice Information Center  
Governor's Council on Physical Fitness

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Robert Morris. Roll call of GTSAC members and introductions completed.

## **Public Comment/Announcement Items**

No public comment.

## **Approval of GTSAC August 19, 2005 Minutes**

The August 19, 2005, minutes were approved. **Motion made by Ron Wilson to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Linda Scarpetta. Motion passed.**

## **Reports/Updates**

### **➤ Chair Report – Robert Morris**

The Action Team reports are close to finalization. A document was distributed showing the status of each action team's progress toward a final action plan. The objective of the GTSAC is to have a final report compiled for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan that includes all action team plans.

### **Legislative Report – Sgt. Matt Bolger**

Sergeant Bolger highlighted the handout document regarding traffic safety legislative issues.

## **GTSAC Commissioner Update**

### **➤ Community Health – Linda Scarpetta**

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) legislation has seen no movement this legislative session. A Booster Seat grant is in its third year through the Center for Disease Control. Community Health is working with two communities to increase booster seat use. The CPS technician certification program will see approximately 800 technicians go through the re-certification process. Work is continuing on the education of proper newborn car safety seat use through hospitals around the state. Bicycle safety helmets continue to be distributed at various events statewide.

### **➤ Education – Dwight Sinila**

No report.

### **➤ State – Ron Wilson**

A Federal Mandate for 2008 addresses the Real Identification Act in which Secretary Land is very involved. The Real ID mandate will require a state driver's license or ID card meet specific federal identity requirements to be used as a border crossing or airline identification document. Upgrades to the Michigan Driver License and ID card process are being investigated to address this federal mandate requirement.

### **➤ State Police – Lt. Gary Megge**

To assist the Driver Behavior Action Team, documentation is being gathered on the triggers of aggressive driving. The documentation will help determine if road design or signage changes could help ease aggressive driving behavior. MSP Traffic Services Section staff attended a demonstration on new laser scanner technology that provides very detailed pictures of crash scenes. These pictures would enable enforcement personnel to clear a crash scene much quicker.

### **➤ Transportation – Mark Bott**

A Strategic Highway Safety Plans: A Champion's Guide to Saving Lives document was distributed. Through this document for SAFETEA-LU requirements, MDOT requests the ability to work with all action teams to ensure that the requirements of this document are incorporated into the final Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan and reflected in each of the action team's final plans.

### **➤ OSA – Cherie Mollison**

OSA recently finalized the State Plan on Services to Michigan's Older Citizens 2006 Report. OSA has started public hearings around the state on senior issues. Information regarding both projects can be found at [www.miseniors.net](http://www.miseniors.net).

### **➤ OHSP – Kathy Farnum**

YDDYL crackdown was conducted over the Labor Day holiday. Drive Safely Work Week campaign was conducted the first week of October. OHSP will partner with MSP on the Operation Care campaign for the holiday season. Traffic Enforcement Association of Michigan (TEAM) Conference was very well attended and received by the law enforcement community. The Law Enforcement Challenge Awards luncheon was conducted immediately after the close of the TEAM Conference. Staff representing OHSP and MDOT will be attending the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Peer Exchange Meeting during mid-November in Phoenix, Arizona. The Michigan Traffic Safety Summit will be held February 28 to March 1, 2006. The Traffic Safety Awards Luncheon will be held on March 1, 2006. Award nominations are due to Anne Readett of OHSP by December 2, 2005. GTSAC Representatives were requested to appoint a representative to the Awards Committee and provide that designees name to OHSP by November 15, 2005. It was also noted by the Chair that he would work on appointing an Awards Committee chair.

### **➤ Local Representation – Chief David Stamm – Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP)**

Echo the praise of the TEAM conference. MACP is soliciting law enforcement nominations for the MACP awards. MACP is encouraging local participation in TEAM through the Midland Police Department.

➤ **Local Representation – Sheriff Al Byam – Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA)**

TEAM Conference was very well attended. Several Sheriff's are participating in a program call "S.T.O.P.P.E.D." This program allows parents to sign-up for notification when the young driver is stopped or issued a citation for a traffic violation.

➤ **Local Representation – Steven Puuri – County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM)**

CRAM is putting on a national level conference in April 2006. Kent County is the primary agency for contact to provide input on the agenda. Road construction zones are finalizing their projects in preparation of the end of the road construction season.

## **Action Team Reports**

Final Action Team Plans should be complete and submitted electronically to OHSP prior to the December GTSAC meeting. The document submission will allow for all individual reports to include charts and graphs and maintain the overall appearance and readability.

### **Alcohol/Drug Impaired Driving – Homer Smith/MADD-Michigan**

A draft Michigan Impaired Driving Action Plan was reviewed and highlights given on the areas that this group would like to address to further publicize the issue.

➤ **Commercial Vehicle Safety – Steve Schreier**

Michigan Truck Safety Commission (MTSC) Strategic Plan was presented and highlights of the plan given by Steve Schreier on behalf of the MTSC Chair – John Theroux.

➤ **Drivers Ages 24 and Younger – Gary Bubar/AAA Michigan**

The AASHTO plan on this issue will be released in 2006 and will give direction to this action team in regards to plan development. This team is working closely with the DOS team to ensure the elimination of duplication.

➤ **Elderly Mobility Safety – Kimberly Lariviere/MDOT**

A draft Michigan Senior Mobility Action Plan was disseminated with highlights of the plan given. The team is meeting again on November 30, 2005, to finalize the plan.

➤ **Motorcycle Safety – Sgt. Steven Spink/MSP, Traffic Services Division**

Motorcycle Action Team requested Sergeant Spink compile crash data from thousands of UD-10 forms to assist the action team with their action plan. The information was shared with the GTSAC in a short presentation. The same information will be shared with the action team at a November meeting.

➤ **Occupant Protection – Heather Hockanson/MDCH**

An Executive Overview of the Michigan Child Passenger Safety Action Plan was given. The committee will approve the entire action plan at a November 8, 2005, meeting. The document will then be shared with OHSP in anticipation of the December GTSAC meeting.

➤ **Work Zone Safety – Mark Bott/MDOT**

Work Zone Safety Action Plan was distributed in draft form with plan highlights presented.

### **Michigan Deer Crash Coalition – Richard Miller/AAA**

- The coalition gears up this time of year when Michigan sees an increase in Car/Deer crashes. Several informational items were distributed.

### **Safe Routes to School – Risa Wilkerson/Governor's Council on Physical Fitness**

- A grant was issued from MDOT to pilot the Safe Routes to School program. This program has been pilot-tested over the last two years and a tool kit developed that is ready to disseminate. The tool kit outlines ways to work with local law enforcement and engineering companies to make communities safer to walk and bike.

### **Crash Process Redesign Demonstration Presentation – Jack Benac, MDIT**

- Jack Benac gave an update on the Crash Process Redesign that will end in February 2006.

### **Traffic Crash Purchasing System Demonstration – Mary Wichman/MSP, CJIC**

- Mary Wichman gave a presentation on the Traffic Crash Purchasing System (TCPS). The TCPS system allows the public as well as businesses to purchase crash reports. Ms. Wichman demonstrated the on-line process of how to use this resource.

### **Nartron Corporation Demonstration/Presentation – Erin Kirby**

- A presentation and demonstration, at the request of Secretary Land, was given regarding technology on a vehicle's power window mechanism and how to prevent deaths and injuries through entrapment.

## **GTSAC Administrative Items**

### **Approval 2006 Meeting Schedule – Robert Morris, Chair**

- GTSAC meeting dates for 2006 are February 24, 2006, April 28, 2006, June 23, 2006, August 25, 2006, October 27, 2006, and December 15, 2006.

Adjourn. Next Meeting is December 16, 2005 at Collins Road in the Presentation Room.